(c) whether Government have reviewed the effectiveness and efficacy of the relevant laws and their enforcement, and the outcome of such a study and the steps being taken to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) No such concern, expressed by any team of officials of the World Customs Organisation or Interpol, has come to the notice of the Government.

(b) No, Sir. The details of seizures of various drugs made during the years 1997 onwards, as reported by various Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) In veiw of the replies to parts (a) and (b) above, the question does not arise.

Statement

Details of seizures of various drugs made during the year 1997 onwards (as on 30 June, 2002), as reported by various Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, is as under:

(in Kgs)

Year	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002 (as on 30.06.02)
Opium	3316	2031	1635	2684	2533	592
Morphine	128	19	36	39	26	12
Heroin	1332	655	861	1240	889	285
Ganja	80886	68221	40113	100056	86929	31308
Hashish	3281	10106	3391	5041	5664	1597
Cocaine	24	1	1	0.35	2	1
Methaqualone	1740	2257	474	1095	2024	2090

Production of illicit drugs in Himachal Pradesh

1406. DR. MANMOHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFARIS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware of large scale production of illicit drugs in the Kulu-Manali area of Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, what has been its impact on the economy of the area; and

(c) the measures being taken to bring the situation under control?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFARIS (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) The Government is aware of the wild, natural growth as well as illicit cultivation of the cannabis plant in the KulluManali valley of Himachal Pradesh;

(b) Cultiviation of the above mentioned plant is an illegal activity. It is not, therefore, possible to assess the impact of such cultivation on the economy of the area.

(c) The Zonal Unit of Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB), based in Chandigarh had having jurisdiction over Himachal Pradesh, makes all possible eforts to destroy illicit cultivation on narcotic drug yielding plants and curb illegal trade in narcotic drugs by mobilizing its intelligence network in the entire State of Himachal Pradesh. Himachal Pradesh State Police is also engaged in destroying illicit cultivation and curbing narcotic drug trafficking in the State. A special narcotic Cell has also been constituted in the Kullu Distirct by the State Police to detect illicit cultivation of narcotic drug plants and drug trafficking.

Tax concessions to Sharda Charitable Trust

1407. SHRIMATI GURCHARAN KAUR: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the objective of Sharda Charitable Trust, Jesselmer House, 44A/2, Kalu Sarai, New Delhi;

(b) the tax concessions/relaxations available to such trusts;

(c) what are Government's regulatory mechanism to ensure that the concessions/relaxations are not misused and such trusts work for their objectives;

(d) whether Government have report about the financial and functional irregularities, diversion of funds, etc., committed by Sharda Charitable Trust, if so, the details thereof;

(e) the checks/audits, the., carried out on the said Trust during last five years; and

(f) the outcome thereof?